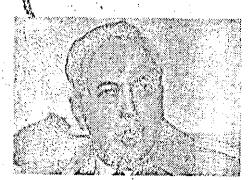
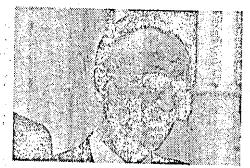
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## The Reaction



. . . We cannot support an extension of the bombing in such areas, even though we were confident that the U.S. forces would take every precaution, as always, to avoid civilian casualties . . . We must dissociate ourselves from an action of this kind. . . . The opportunity for bring all the fighting in Viet Nam to an end is open to Hanoi. . . .



SEN. MIKE MANSFIELD, D-MONT,

 Will make the road to the negotiating table that much more difficult. I think also it will bring about greater amounts of aid (to North Viet Nam) from the Soviet Union and Peking . . . will not deter infiltration of North Vietnamese into the south, although it may slow it for the time being. End result may be increased infiltration.



SEN. RICHARD RUSSELL, D-GA.

... Not only should we destroy the (oil) depots, but every facility in North Viet Nam . that contributes to lengthening American casualty lists, I do not think our air attacks 5 will bring China into the war, although they may send planes over to attack our striking aircraft. We have exhausted every effort to view of the second of the seco negotiatate. 📜

## Critics Hit Bombing Decision, Russia Sees 'Dangerous Step

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Sees Talks Hampered

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Senate Democratic Leader told the Senate that "in my Several senators sharply criticized the bombing, while others oiced support.

Moscow radio called today's aids a "new dangerous step by "IT blobs also in the bombing the bombing indicates a new stage in the lawry on the part of the Johnson administration in Southeast Asia should at least symbolical-ly lower to half more difficult."

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